Telephone facility in H.P.

†788. SHRIKRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATIONS TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges targeted to be established during the current financial year for extending telephone facility in hilly and inaccessible regions of the country specially in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the places where telephone exchanges could not be established due to untimely arrival of M.C.P.C. and other equipments; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) 261 telephone exchanges in the country including 60 in Himachal Pradesh are targeted to be established in the hilly and inaccessible regions of the country during the current financial year.

(b) Telephone exchanges could not be commissioned at 38 places due to non-availability of MCPC and space segment on satellite. The names of places are indicated in the enclosed statement. (See *below)*

(c) MCPC equipment is under supply. The space segment is likely to be made available after completion of testing of newly launched INSAT 3-C Satellite.

Statement

The names of places where telephone exchanges could not be established

Sl. No.	Telecom Circle	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
1	2	3	4
1.	Himachal Pradesh	7	Lill, Khoksar, Thirot, Dhankar, Huling, Nesang, Mancoti
2.	Uttaranchal	15	Baherakhai, Sikukhal, Kimsaar, Pandukeshwar, Ghuttu, Aarakot, Dhari Kailogi, Dhontarshi, Suisigad, Jankichatti, Ganaigangoli, Sheraghat, Saraikhet, Kaman, Chilhar

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1	2	3	4
3.	Maharashtra	2	Anuskura, Gajapur
4.	Chhatisgarh	4	Ondhi. Rengakhar, Salcwara
5.	North East-II	10	Bilad, Deed, Andro, Manipur University, Langing, Sechu, Long Leng, NOK-LOK, Kohima DTO, Chakia.

Non-functioning of telegraph machine in Motihari, Bihar

†789. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telepgaph machine installed in the district of Motihari in Bihar is out of order for the last so many days and as a result thereof telegrams received there are issued from Patna Office;

(b) whether in this process telegrams are received in Delhi and other places in about 7-8 days and it takes about ten days to reach the telegrams to Motihari from other places; and

(c) the remedmal measures being taken by Government in this regard and by when a telegraph machine is expected to be installed in Sugauli post office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Standby Electronic Teleprinters have been provided for immediate replacement of faulty Teleprinters. The S+4DX Transmission System is being replaced to improve the services. Provision of aTeleprinter machine is not justified as per standards laid down for installation at Sugauli Post Office at present and the same will be provided as and when the standards are met.

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